

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

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POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-290 (Sub-No. 281X)
and STB DOCKET No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 270X)

December 6, 2006

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

☒ (X) Notice of Exemption ☐ () Petition for Exemption ☐ () Regulated Abandonment

☒ (X) **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on November 17, 2006, for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended four environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, SEA recommends that the following conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. Yadkin Railroad Company shall consult with the North Carolina Division of Land Resources prior to beginning any salvage activities regarding applicable erosion and sedimentation control requirements.
2. Yadkin Railroad Company shall consult with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality prior to beginning any salvage activities regarding applicable National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements.
3. Yadkin Railroad Company shall consult with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Mooresville Regional Office prior to beginning any salvage activities regarding potential impacts to surface waters or wetlands from the proposed bridge removal activities and applicable requirements, and any other applicable requirements.
4. Yadkin Railroad Company shall notify the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities in order to plan for the possible relocation of the geodetic station markers identified by NGS.

If the above conditions are imposed, SEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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